**Report of Accomplishments** 

Fiscal Year 2005

**Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District** 

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#### **Function or Conservation District Mission**

• The function of the Soil Conservation District is to be the leading organization for providing action at the local level to promote wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with emphasis on soil and water.

### **Natural Resource Improvements Summary**

- 58 landowners were assisted resulting in five EQIP contracts covering 689 acres, most of which are Forest Stand Improvements.
- The District was awarded a 319 Grant for stream bank erosion on the Middle Fork of the Payette River.



### **Conservation District Priority #1 – District Operations**

• Develop and implement programs to conserve renewable natural resources while ensuring continued technical and financial assistance to cooperators.

# **Conservation District Priority #2 - Rangeland**

• No-Till planting and prescribed grazing is planned for 6290 acres and Wildlife habitat management for 6699 acres.

# **Conservation District Priority #3 – Water Quality**

- Five EQIP contracts amounting to \$145, 045 covering 689 acres, will include BMP's such as sediment basins, use exclusion, fencing and wildlife habitat.
- 4293 acres are planned and 581 already applied for irrigation water management.

#### **Information & Education/ Public Outreach**

- Completed education to 290 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on Arbor Day and the importance of planting trees, giving each one a two-year old Ponderosa Pine seedling.
- Four students and a Cabin Advisor attended the Natural Resources Workshop in Ketchum with the District sponsoring all of their registration and travel expenses.
- Poster contest winners for the last three years have won District, Division and gone on to state competition, this year we also won state.

### **Community Collaboration & Coordination**

- Board members work closely with partnering agencies such as, Upper & Lower Coordinated Weed Management Agencies, BOR's Ad Hock Work Group, Local Work Group through FSA, County Planning & Zoning as well as many others.
- Two or more board members attend WAG meetings to discuss TMDL's on Mores Creek, North Fork and Middle Fork of the Payette and Lower Payette River as well as monitoring of Squaw Creek, Little Squaw Creek And Solider Creek.

**Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners** - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount	
County	<b>District Operations</b>	\$	5,200.00
State	District Operations	\$	11,381.00
<b>USDA Farm Bill Programs</b>	Conservation	\$	145,045.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution/Water Quality	\$	42,000.00

Total \$203,626.00

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

